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IN A PICKLE

Chicago Q

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Legend has it that Cleopatra attributed her beauty to a diet of pickles, which is

reason enough to celebrate National Pickle Day. Observe the occasion with chef Lee Ann Whippen's fried bread-and-butter pickles (\$7.50), made from hand-cut fresh cukes, garlic, onions and spices. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.



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TOE-TAPPING LAUGHS

The Ace Bar

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Don't worry; Laughing Stock isn't an event where the whole room makes fun of you. Rather, it's a mini-Woodstock of musical comedy bands featuring humorous and harmonious sets by The Shock Ts, Tiberius and Walk the Talk with specials including \$3 PBR tallboys, \$5 Maker's Mark bourbon cocktails and \$3 sliders with chips. 8 p.m. \$7.

ON THE CASE

Katherine Anne Confections

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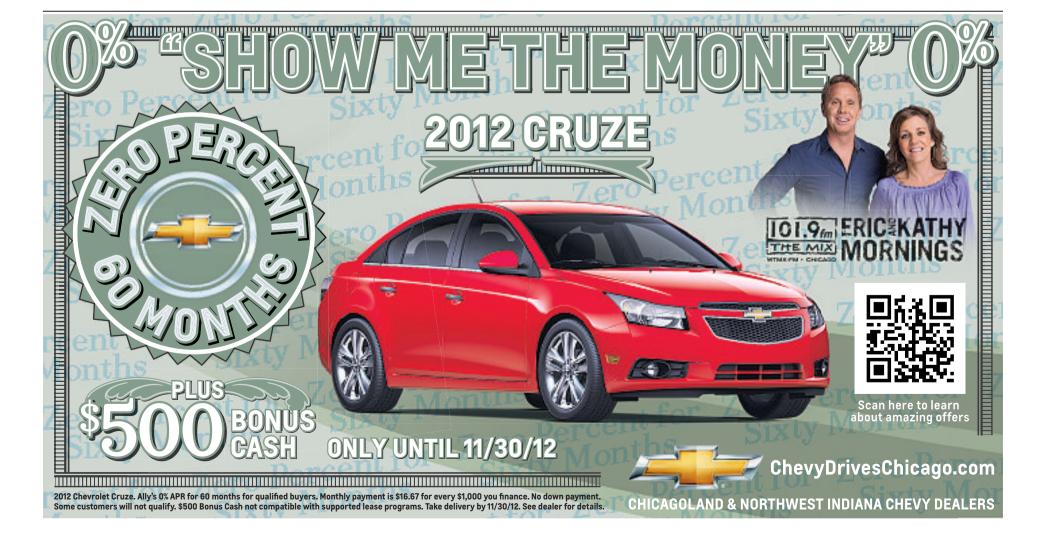
Barley's Angels, a craft beer club for women, celebrates the fact that ladies appreciate more than just girlie drinks with a fierce fete featuring five four-ounce pours paired with gourmet

chocolates—including Oskar Blues Ten FIDY imperial stout served with a coffee-marshmallow truffle-and a discussion by Chicago chapter leader Lorna Juett. 6:30-8 p.m. \$35. RSVP required:

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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

Comedy troupe pH Productions kicks off its 10th anniversary celebrations in its new home: whatisph.com.



Emails from Broadwell spark investigation uncovers affair FBI investigation uncovers affair



Jill Kelley

Volunteer social liaison

PETRAEUS

Family friends

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David PetraeusRetired four-star general,
former CIA director

Paula Broadwe
Petraeus' biographer

Gen. John Allen *U.S. commander in Afghanistan*

Natalie Khawam Kelley's twin sister

Exchanged possibly inappropriate emails

Petraeus and Allen wrote letters assisting in Khawam's custody battle

Reuters

WASHINGTON The scandal involving former CIA Director David Petraeus widened Tuesday as defense officials said they were looking into "flirtatious" emails between General John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, and a woman at the center of the affair

Defense Department officials said they were sifting through 30,000 pages of email and other communications between Allen and Jill Kelley, a Florida socialite whose complaints about harassing messages from Petraeus' biographer led to the discovery of his affair.

But first, a quick recap on what has become

a national soap opera with international implications.

- Petraeus resigned Friday, saying he had engaged in an extramarital affair.
 The woman with whom he had the affair.
- Paula Broadwell, co-wrote the book "All In: The Education of General David Petraeus."
- » Complaints from Kelley about emails from Broadwell prompted the FBI investigation that ultimately revealed Petraeus' involvement with his biographer.
- » The unidentified FBI agent whom Kelley contacted to start the investigation has come under scrutiny after it was discovered he had sent shirtless photographs of himself to Kelley long before the investigation.

» Petraeus and Allen both recently intervened in a child custody battle on behalf of Natalie Khawam, Kelley's twin sister, court documents show, as she sought to gain more visitation rights with her son.

The revelation of Allen's potential involvement in the situation threatens to fell another of the military's biggest names. It also complicates President Obama's efforts to wind down the war in Afghanistan and reorganize his national security team following his re-election.

A senior defense official said the emails between Allen and Kelley were seen as potentially inappropriate because they were "flirtatious" in nature, not because they dealt with sensitive information. Allen has denied that the two had a sexual relationship, officials said on condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Allen would stay in his job for the time being, and the White House said Obama still had faith in Allen's ability to command U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

But asked how Obama saw the unfolding scandal at a time when his priorities include the impending "fiscal cliff," Press Secretary Jay Carney said: "I certainly wouldn't call it welcome."

Obama has suspended plans to transfer Allen to Europe, where he was to be the top commander of U.S. and allied forces in the region.

Troubled thoughts from a Republican



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You might have noticed us trudging around the city-a sorry band of misfit zombies, clad in black, bewilderment painted on our faces. No, this has nothing to do with the umpteenth "Twilight" movie coming out. I'm talking about the plight of Chicago Republicans.

There are more of us than you may

think. We live among you. We eat where you eat, shop where you shop and work where you work. We are your friends, your family and in some cases (most cases) your bosses. (Joking!)

Thousands of us attended election-night parties last week, and we've been grieving ever since. For a group already considered an endangered political species in Illinois, we suffered a crippling blow. In addition to decisively losing our shot at the White House and Senate, our showing on the state and local level was an elephant massacre. Of the six hotly contested seats in Congress, Illinois Republicans lost five of them—including three of those won by freshmen in 2010.

Meanwhile, the breakdown on the state level went from bad to worse. Illinois Democrats added seats in both the state House and Senate, earning a veto-proof supermajority. Translation: They can do whatever the heck they want without so much as looking at a Republican.

For Republicans in Illinois, our reaction to the electoral blood bath has been fairly similar to the conventional stages of grief.

First there was denial. The pre-election polls couldn't all be wrong, could they? As for our state losses, the voters didn't reject us-Illinois House speaker Mike Madigan and his band of gerrymandering map-drawers did us in! (This one happens to be true, by the way) Karl Rove demonstrated this initial stage during his election-night meltdown on Fox News, when he argued with network number crunchers after Fox projected President Obama would carry Ohio.

Then there was anger. "How could voters be so feckless?" we demanded. We see out-of-

control spending in Springfield and D.C., but they focus on moronic comments about rape by a few knucklehead Republicans. We see lagging economic growth, while they vote for more free stuff-evidently not understanding the consequences of massive deficits and overbearing national debt. We see simple math plaguing our state's pension obligations. They see little problem with endless and unsustainable promises.

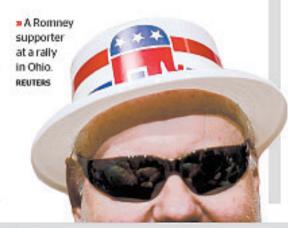
Recently, the GOP has even resorted to bargaining, the next stage of grief. If we support amnesty in immigration reform, then maybe Latinos will actually consider voting for Republicans!

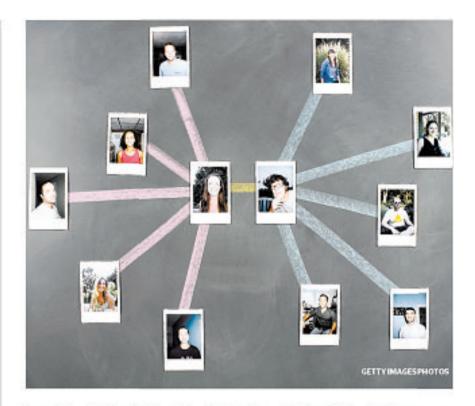
Ultimately, we're left with the final stages: depression and acceptance. Our state party is reeling, and our national effort was outhustled. The demographics point to increasing challenges, while our outreach to minority communities is woefully inadequate. Further, our message (not our principles) needs some recalibrating. And yes, we must accept more moderate social views within our party (specifically on issues such as immigration reform and gay marriage).

None of this means we have to accept losing in the future. Sooner or later a plurality of voters will grow tired of Democratic rule and see through the false depiction of Republican candidates invented by the Democratic establishment and a complicit media. Amazingly, we're not there yet.

Kermit the Frog famously cried that it's not easy being green. For Republicans here in Chicago, it's not easy being red ... especially when we're all so blue.

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FACEBOOK STAGES A COUPLES COUP

Just when you thought Facebook had been taken over by the coupled-up, hitched and with-child folks of the world. Facebook ups the ante by updating a largely unused feature for those in relationships.

Though "friendship pages" have been available for some time-a timeline of

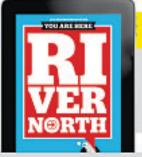


platonic friend or someone you're in a relationship with-Facebook launched an updated look for these pages, as well as a handy URL for those in romantic relationships to view an even more special timeline of events.

Want to see a history of photos, events, shared interests, statuses and more with

> your current sweetie? Even my engaged friend agrees that this is borderline creepy, but visit this URL to automatically get redirected to your couples page:

> > facebook. com/us



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HOTOMOT?

Hot Cheetos and other fiery snacks land in some health advocates' crosshairs

Chicago Tribune

On a recent sunny fall afternoon, students from Lake View High School streamed out of a nearby convenience store munching afterschool snacks.

Some bought cookies and snack cakes. Others got soft drinks and candy. But the majority walked out of Touchdown Food Mart with crinkly orange bags of Flamin' Hot Cheetos—sometimes with warm cheese sauce poured on top of the fiery red curls.

"Once you start eating them, they are kind of addicting, and you can't help it," said sophomore Zian Garcia. "Personally, I have been eating them for years, and I cannot stop. I just have this urge to eat them."

In the 20 years since Frito-Lay launched Flamin' Hot Cheetos as a snack aimed at urban convenience stores, the product has inspired dozens of spicy competitors, multiple Facebook fan pages, a viral rap video and le-

gions of loyal young fans.

But for many school administrators and public health advocates, the wild popularity of Flamin' Hots inspires concern. To many, they've become shorthand for everything that is wrong with the diets of American children, whose obesity rates have tripled since 1980.

While it's true that Flamin' Hots, also known as Hot Cheetos, deliver high levels of salt, fat and artificial colors with little nutrition or fiber in return, the same can be said for similar snacks.

Yet there is something about Flamin' Hot Cheetos that inflames critics in a way that other snacks—including regular Cheetos—never did. Some schools and districts, including the Noble Street Charter School Network and the entire Rockford Public Schools district, have banned Flamin' Hots by name, citing nutritional concerns.



TASTE TEST!

In honor of the 20th anniversary of Flamin' Hot Cheetos (which remain as popular and controversial as ever), we tasted a selection of competitors that have emerged over the past two decades. If we are going to eat them, we might as well eat the tastiest, right?

Our team of food writers, editors and teen journalists tasted a dozen hot chip brands. The winner: the tangy and incendiary rolled tortilla chip called Takis Fuego. This Mexican import made by the Barcel company offered a satisfyingly crunchy texture with a dazzling but perfectly balanced lime and chili coating.

The snack has become so popular that Frito-Lay has produced its own near perfect copy called Doritos Dinamita. While it's close, Dinamita lacked the multiple layers of crackle that give Takis their signature crunch, and the flavoring was just a tad off with a slightly herbal lime note that popped too much. TRIBUNE



Flamin Hot crunchy Cheetos

Comments: Winey and hot. Looks like sun-dried tomato exploded on Cheetos. Not super spicy.

Votes: Top choice by one of 12 tasters.

Flamin Hot Cheetos with Lime

Comments: Good crunch and more flavor than the first. Tasty but not too hot. **Votes:** Top choice of two of 12 tasters

Chester's Flamin' Hot Fries Comments: This chip has

no point of view. **Votes:** Last choice from one of 12 voters



Vitner's Sizzlin' Cheese Flavored Twists

Comments: Sticks look like fiber glass. Flavor is only on outside but there is some chili on end. Too soft.

Votes: Last choice of one voter and top choice of another.



Dorito Flamas by Frito Lay Sabritos

Comments: Looks like a bad boy Dorito. Could be nice with a sour cream dip. **Votes:** Taste was the hottest from one voter.



Turbos Flamas by Frito Lay Sabritos

Comments: Looks like uncooked pasta. Nice crunch but a little dusty tasting. I like the crunch. These taste just like Takis. Votes: Top choice of one taster.

YOU CAN ALMOST EQUATE THE CRAVING [FOR PROCESSED FOOD] TO THAT OF COCAINE."

–Gene-Jack Wang, a senior scientist at Brookhaven National Labratory

Emerging research on food addiction suggests that processed salty, fatty or sweet foods of any kind—also called "hyperpalatable foods"—can trigger brain responses similar to those created by controlled substances in addicted individuals.

People react differently to a processed food than they do to foods found whole in nature, said Ashley Gearhardt, an assistant professor of clinical psychology at the University of Michigan.

"It's something that has been engineered so that it is fattier and saltier and more novel to the point where our body, brain and pleasure centers react to it more strongly than if we were eating, say, a handful of nuts," Gearhardt said. "We are seeing those classic signs of addiction, the cravings and loss of control and preoccupation with it."

How popular are Flamin' Hots across the country? It's hard to say exactly. Market research data from Symphony IRI, which collects product scans from major retail stores excluding Wal-Mart, suggests potato chips are still the No. I salty snack food sold in American stores.



Zian Garcia purchases a variety of Flamin' Hot chips at Touchdown Food Mart. JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE

The data also show that another Frito-Lay product, Doritos, sells more units than Cheetos, but the figures aren't broken down by flavor or demographics.

Frito-Lay will not share sales figures for its products or comment on criticisms of Flamin' Hots, but it does confirm that the flavor was introduced in the early '90s (some accounts say 1991; others 1992) to target "convenience stores in urban markets." Today the company's Flamin' Hot line—including Flamin' Hot Fritos, Flamin' Hot Fries and XXTra Flamin' Hot Cheetos—has expanded to include at least 10 other snacks.

Many spicy snacks have emerged to challenge Flamin' Hots over the years, including Hot 'N Spicy Crunchy Nuggets, Sizzlin' Hot

Crunchy Kurls and Sizzlin' Cheese Flavored Twists. But in the city's corner stores, Flamin' Hot Cheetos still reign supreme, owners say.

If Flamin' Hot Cheetos have any serious competition for young urban allegiance, it's from a Mexican import called Takis, made by Barcel. Especially popular in the Latino community, Takis are tortilla chips that are rolled, fried and coated in lime and chili powder.

"The first time I ate Takis, I thought I would just eat a couple and put it away, but I ate half the bag," said Iman Rana, a senior at Whitney Young High School in Chicago. "They are just like a better version of everything."

While some kids take sides, others swear by both. In August, an irresistible music video

called "Hot Cheetos and Takis" scored more than 3 million YouTube views. Created as part of a YMCA-sponsored writing workshop, the song features a group of pint-size urban rappers from Minneapolis reciting the hooky refrain:

"Hot Cheetos and Takis/ Hot Cheetos and Takis/ I can't get enough of these Hot Cheetos and Takis/ Got my fingers stained red and I cannot get them off me/ You can catch me and my crew eating Hot Cheetos and Takis."

Are snacks like Flamin' Hots addictive? For some people, maybe so. Gene-Jack Wang, a senior scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, in September co-wrote a review of the neurobiological overlaps between obesity and substance addiction.

In both conditions, the paper notes, the perceived importance of the reward (food or drugs) becomes exaggerated at the expense of other rewards, triggering "abrupt dopamine increases" that "can override the brain's ... control mechanisms" that would normally moderate consumption.

"You can almost equate the craving [for processed food] to that of cocaine," said Wang, a radiologist.

But should food-makers be punished for doing their job—essentially making something taste so delicious that customers can't get enough?

"I don't blame them for creating it," Gearhardt said. "I think there is a lot of competition to create ... the most rewarding and potentially addictive product possible so people crave it and they want to buy another bag."

"But once the evidence has come out that they have created a substance that is capable of hijacking the neural system ... then I feel like it falls under their ethical obligation to ask how this should affect the way they market and push the product."



Vitner's Hot 'n Spicy Crunchy Nuggets

Comments: Looks like the crunchy things at the bottom of a KFC container. Musky. Not good. Votes: One vote for spiciest. One yote for worst.



Comment: Oh my, this is hot. This comes on like a stealth missile.

Votes: Three votes for hottest and one for hest



Fuego by Barcel Comments: Great texture. Nice crunch and nice

Takis

flavor. Smells like a beer pretzel. Smells like a shoe. It's sort of mean and hot makes you work hard to eat it but without the reward. Looks just like Doritos Dinamita but fluffier with better flavor.

Votes: Five top votes. Two worst votes.



Flamin' Hot Funyuns

Comments: Looks like a sunburnt Funyun. Has a mild faux-onion sweetness. **Votes:** One vote for best overall.

Cheddar Jalepeno Cheetos

Comments: Tastes like some real green chile, some real jalapeno flavor. The heat takes a minute to sneak up on you but it's there. Good for someone who the cheesy flavor of Cheetos but wants a little chile flavor.

Votes: One vote for least spicy overall.



Doritos Dinamita

Comments: These looks like a carbon copy of Takis Fuego but skinnier and with less crunch. Strong lime flavor but too hard, like a twig. Tastes of Mexican limes, not sweet but very tart and a little bitter.

Votes: Received no votes for hottest, least hot, best or worst.

Doritos Tapatio

Comments: Good flavor. There's a little sweetness, something we might actually eat. Tastes like a Nacho cheese Dorito that got a nice dose of cayenne, surprisingly hot

Votes: One vote for favorite.

COCCO Same old. WEDNESDAY 5036 Same old. THURSDAY 5036 Same old.











Power broker William Cellini has given up his bid to stay out of prison during his appeal.

JUDGE TO CITY: PAY UP

FEMALE BARTENDER BEATEN BY OFFICER AWARDED \$850,000

Chicago Tribune

A federal jury Tuesday found in favor of a female bartender who was beaten by an off-duty Chicago police officer in a notorious 2007 attack captured on security cameras.

The jury awarded the bartender, Karolina Obrycka, \$850,000 in compensatory damages against the city. Obrycka's lawyers contended an unofficial "code of silence" protected former Chicago cop Anthony Abbate from punishment until the damning videotape was made public.

Obrycka contended during the trial that Abbate, other officers and higher-ups also tried to cover up her February 2007 beating as part of the department's unofficial policy.

The videotape of Abbate pummeling a woman about half his size marked one of the most embarrassing chapters in recent Chicago Police Department history and contributed to the resignation of then-Superintendent Philip Cline.

Fearful that the department would not discipline Abbate, Obrycka's lawyers have said, they released the videotape to the news media, causing an Internet sensation with the graphic images.

The eight-woman, three-man jury found that Abbate was part of the conspiracy to cover up the beating and that the Police Department had a widespread code of silence



that emboldened Abbate to beat up Obrycka. Jurors held both the city and Abbate responsible but didn't assess any damages

The verdict in the high-stakes trial came after two days of deliberations and a compli-

against Abbate personally.



cated, lengthy trial that saw more than three dozen witnesses offer contradictory and colorful testimony about the beating that took place in Jesse's Short Stop Inn on the North-

At the center of the trial was the allegation

Just days after the tavern owner installed security cameras, Abbate went into a rage when Obrycka tried to prevent him from coming behind the bar. Abbate, who testified he was drunk after downing multiple alcoholic drinks and shots, tossed Obrycka to the floor and then wailed away at her with his fists and feet. *Nobody tells me what to do," Abbate was heard proclaiming on the videotape.

that a long-standing code of silence protects officers who use excessive force or engage in other misconduct. As a result, Obrycka's lawyers maintained that Abbate acted with impunity in the bar because he was unafraid of consequences, a result of the blue wall of silence as well as the department's history of ineffective discipline action against wayward officers.

City attorneys argued that Abbate's actions were simply the result of his being so drunk. He was too intoxicated to think a code of silence would protect him, they said.

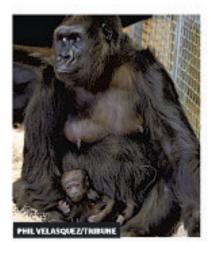
Obrycka's lawyers urged the jury to hold Abbate personally liable for his role in the alleged cover-up that followed the beating. Abbate allegedly threatened to plant cocaine and falsely charge Obrycka if she complained about the beating or released the videotape. Obrycka's lawyers contended the cover-up even stretched high into Police Department ranks.

After the verdict, Obrycka said she was "speechless."

"I am very happy, justice is served. It's ftnally over," she said.

She is doing exactly what we hoped she would do, which is tenderly cuddle, nurse and care for her baby." **DAILY QUOTABLE**

-Maureen Leahy, curator of primates at the Lincoln Park Zoo, on 17-year-old gorilla, Bana, who gave birth last month. The zoo announced Tuesday that Bana's baby is a girl, and has been named Patty.



EXPRESS LINES

- » Mayor Emanuel spoke at the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame ceremony Monday night, both congratulating the new inductees and also urging the state of Illinois to adopt a marriage equality bill.
- » A DuPage County judge on Tuesday ordered porn star Jenna Jameson to pay \$92,000 for failing to show up for two personal appearances in March 2011 in conjunction with showings of a movie called "Zombie Strippersi"
- » Rick Carter on Tuesday broke the world record of 1.04 billion points on the "Nibbler" arcade game at Logan Hardware in Logan Square after more than 43 hours of playing.
- » Police are warning businesses of two men who are suspected of robbing more than a dozen fast-food restaurants and small shops on the South and Southwest sides since late September, REDEVE, TRIBUNE

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Puppeteer accuser changes story

The man who claimed he had underage sex with the puppeteer behind "Sesame Street" character **Elmo** recanted his claims Tuesday according to media reports. Kevin Clash, 52, who had denied the allegations, said in a statement: "I am relieved that this painful allegation has been put to rest. I will not discuss it further."

Paul Ryan: Loss 'fair and square'

Rep. Paul Ryan said his election loss with Mitt Romnev last week was painful but argued the president won re-election "fair and square," according to the congressman's interviews with local news outlets in Wisconsin on Monday.

Victoria's Secret issues apology

Victoria's Secret has apologized for its use of a Native American headdress during its annual fashion show in New York after the company was roundly criticized for the outfit's poor taste and willful cultural ignorance.

Police massacred in northern Kenya

In the worst single incident for Kenyan police in living memory, 38 officers were killed in northern Kenya over the weekend by heavily armed cattle rustlers, according to injured police reservists who were on the scene.

N. Korea continues missile program

Undeterred by the embarrassment of a failed rocket launch earlier this year, North Korea appears to be pressing ahead with the development of long-range missiles, according to an analysis of satellite images by a U.S. academic website.

THE DIGIT

That's how many texts per month

the average U.S. customer sent in the third quarter of this year, down from 700 per month in the previous quarter. It's the first time the average has fallen, according to a report released Tuesday by independent telecommunications analyst Chetan Sharma.

Rep. Jackson Jr. leaves Mayo Clinic



WASHINGTON U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. left the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on Tuesday, clinic spokesman Nick Hanson said.

"He is no longer a patient here," Hanson

said. "I don't know where he is."

The Illinois Democrat, who is reportedly under federal investigation for alleged misuse of campaign funds, has been on a leave of absence from Congress since June. He won re-election a week ago and issued a statement of thanks from Mavo.

Members of the House of Representatives

were scheduled to return Tuesday to Washington for votes. It was unclear whether Jackson planned to participate.

Jackson suffers from bipolar disorder. He reentered Mayo in October after spending weeks there last summer. He initially was treated at Sierra Tucson in Arizona after beginning his leave of absence.

At Mayo, Hanson said Jackson's congressional office may have additional information.

In Washington, Jackson spokesman Frank Watkins had no immediate comment.

Jackson's father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, was contacted by the Tribune and said he was unaware that his son had left Mavo.

"He's still there, as far as I know," the elder Jackson said. "I know he's still there."



The Diamond Ring effect is shown following the totality of the solar eclipse Wednesday at Palm Cove in Australia's tropical North Queensland. Eclipse-hunters flocked to the area to watch the region's first total solar eclipse in 1,300 years. GETTY IMAGES





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Welcome to Bears class

These 4 die-hards suit up before they huddle up at tailgates

By Matt Lindner

FOR REDEYE

A grown man doing a beer bong in the bed of a pickup truck is a common sight in Soldier Field's tailgating lots.

A grown man in a bright orange, threepiece suit doing a beer bong, on the other hand-that's a different story.

"I totally forget that I even have it on, especially if I'm out walking with these guys," said Dan Bankmann, 34, of Old Town.

It's all in a day's work for Da Suit Crew, four longtime Bears season ticket holders attempting to start a fashion revolution among a notoriously unfashionable fan base.

*I've been trying to class it up because I'm a classy guy," said Ryan Eichler, a 35-year-old Magnificent Mile resident who serves as the group's ringleader. 'Any event I go to, why not wear a suit? This immediately adds a little more credibility to it."

Equal parts Barney Stinson in their steadfastness for suits and Chris Farley's iconic "Super Fans" sketch from "Saturday Night Live" in their love of all things Bears and beer, Eichler and his merry band come to each game clad in the custom-tailored orange suits with white pinstripes.

"We keep them a little baggy just so we can layer up," said Jeff Meyer, 34, of Lake in the

Finding a place to make the suits was no easy task, however. The group checked out dozens of shops in the area and online before finding the perfect fit at Mike Bjorn's Fine Clothing in Kenosha, Wis.

*They do come from Packer country but they don't sell any green suits, I tell you that," Eichler said, laughing,

Bears comerback Charles Tillman and his wife, Jackie, welcomed their fourth childa girl-on Tuesday. "Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers..wife and baby are doing great," Tillman tweeted.

"Their first response was 'I don't think we can do it," "Bankmann said. "Then when I talked to them a little bit more about what we wanted to do, they thought, 'Oh well, this could help our business a little bit.' Money talks and they were able to get it done."

The sight of four grown men tailgating in three-piece suits does attract a lot of attention.

At their tailgate prior to the team's Oct. 28 game against Carolina, numerous tailgaters wandered over to check things out, taking pictures and generally marveling at the spectacle.

"Gotta love the hometown spirit," long-

time season ticket holder Brian Ban said. "It's all part of the culture of Soldier Field."

"I don't know if this is classing it up, but whatever it is, we need more of this," another fan tailgating near the group said.

That is precisely the quartet's goal.

"I like to think that there's 45,000 Suit Crew members that fill that stadium every single weekend," Eichler said. "Anybody is welcome to get a suit and be a part of the crew."

Fashion isn't the only thing Da Suit Crew does differently when it comes to tailgating.

This year, the group began having its meals catered instead of grilling themselves, a move that Bankmann, their former designated chef. says was necessitated by the fact that a threepiece suit isn't ideal grilling attire.

"You can't cook in the suits because it doesn't come off," he said. "You've gotta kind of change things up a bit. I have nice regalia and it all has burn stains, grease stains on it."

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The forecast for Jay Cutler's future is murky at best—just like with these five



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What's the first thing Kristin Cavallari told Jay Cutler after his concussion?

"I wish I had something in my head."

I imagine Kristin just walks around singing that Natasha Bedingfield song to herself all day. "Get up. We have to go walk around the Grove and look annoyed by the cameras." "Not tonight, I have a headache" works. Trust me, I use it all the time. "Don't bump me! You're on daddy duty this week!"

Got any advice for backup QB Jason Campbell?

Don't let anyone bash you. You're not Jay Cutler. We Bears fans have no problem rallying around a quality backup (See: Miller, Jim). Go get'em. Try not to throw to Kellen Davis as much. Or at all. Soup's on. Just don't get stewed. Hey, Checkdown Campbelli Rules do allow for more than one deep ball per half.

Time for the Bulls' annual circus road trip. What's the worst that could happen?

One of the hoopers could get unintentionally fired.

Killer Clowns from Outer Space, that's what,

Two words: elephant pile.

They could act like a bunch of clowns, or worse, an overfed elephant and flop. The Danguir troupe might be the only high-flying act at the UC until Derrick returns.

The Bulls are in Phoenix. Talk some trash to the Suns.

If global warming has shown us anything, it's that no one can cover the Suns. Your uniforms look wack, you haven't been relevant since '97 and Steve Nash is a Laker. Hey Suns ... you just wait until D-Rose comes back! The Bulls' secret play to block you out is simple: sunscreen. For your viewing pleasure, we offer "Paxson for 3" or "The Rose Testy Dragic Facial." You guys love spasi

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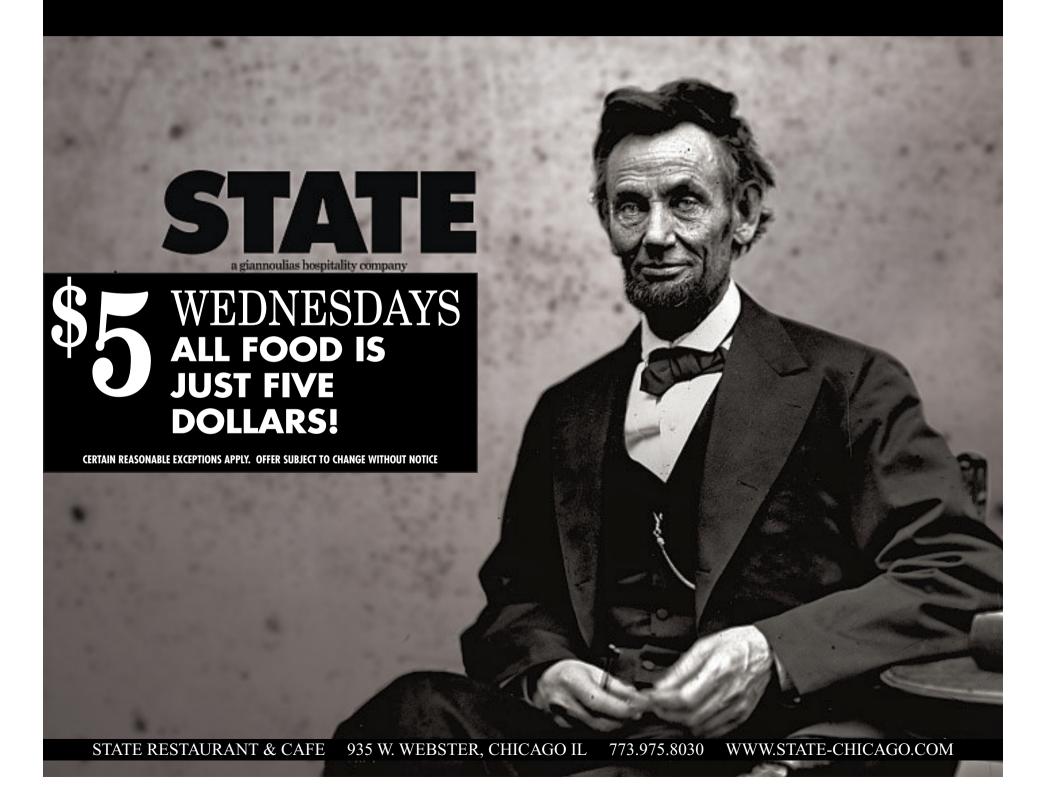


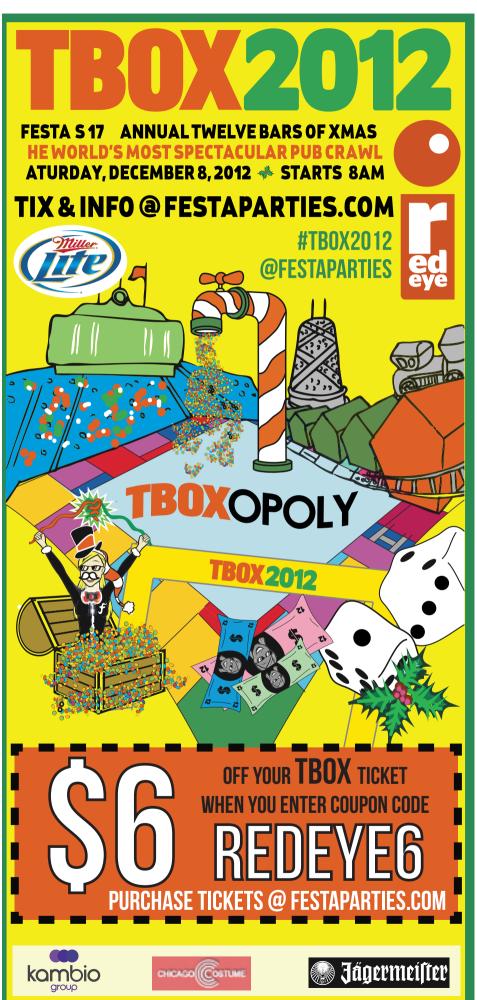
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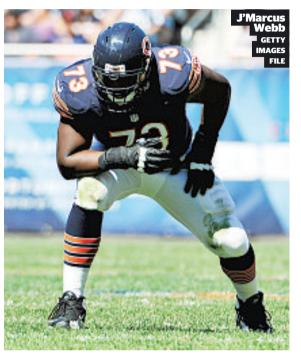


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We put our Twitter followers to the test before every Bears game. Here are this week's Q&A:



How many 24-packs of beer would it take to equal the weight of every offensive lineman on the Bears' active roster? (Final answer must be rounded to the nearest whole number. Also, round the weight of each can of beer to the nearest ounce.)



First, we added the weights of all seven Bears offensive linemen on the active roster (which does not include the practice squad or injured reserve): Lance Louis: 320 pounds; Chilo Rachal, 323; Chris Spencer, 309: Gabe Carimi. 316; Jonathan Scott, 318; J'Marcus Webb, 333; Edwin Williams, 313.

That's 2,232 pounds, Converting to ounces (multiplying by 16), that's 35.712. Now, a can of beer weighs about 13 ounces, and multiplied by 24 you get 312. Finally, divide 35,712 by 312 and you get approximately 114 24-packs to equal the weight of the offensive linemen.

The bad news is no one who entered this week nailed the answer. The good news is we're feeling generous and will feature several Twitter followers in the next Four Score anyway. Will we be this lenient from now on? No one can say, but good luck next week!

THE 2012-13 VIRTUAL BLACKHAWKS

Since there's no real hockey being played, we're simulating the Hawks' 2012-13 season on "NHL 13." For a gallery featuring all the games, visit redeve chicago.com.

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Oilers goalie Devan Dubnyk stopped 30 shots as Edmonton shut out the Hawks to even the season series at one game apiece. It was another listless performance from Chicago's offense, which has scored one goal or fewer in four of its past five games.

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Nachtmystium's front man talks divorce, drugs and death metal



There's a moment on "Silencing Machine," the sixth full-length studio album from local black metal noisemakers Nachtmystium, where the dark clouds part and

things briefly take a more optimistic turn, as frontman Blake Judd howls, "Somehow I know something better awaits me!"

It's an ongoing search for Judd. The singer and creative force behind one of the city's best bands—metal or otherwise—recently went through a bitter divorce and battled drug addiction for years before finally getting clean about 18 months ago.

"It's not always easy, and I'm not going to say I haven't had my moments where I've slipped," said Judd, 30. "But where I'm at now, my eyes are open and I realize I have to lead a completely different life or I'm going to wither away."

Reached at home in Logan Square, the frontman opened up about overcoming addiction, recording alongside Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore and the time he (maybe) appeared on "Family Guy."

You mentioned you're about to have a birthday. Is 30 one of those ages that led to some reflection?

That's exactly where I'm at, man. I've had an interesting 20s, to say the least. The band has done well, but overall I'm flipping out, like, "Where the [bleep] is my life at?" I'm 30 years old. I don't own my own home. I'm not exactly where I'd like to be financially. I went through a nasty divorce after being married a little over a year. I didn't see it coming, and it was very disruptive emotionally and in terms of my life. It was like, "How do I occupy my time now? What do I do?" The worst thing for anybody to do is to sit around, because you just end up dwelling on it. And that's not good for anyone's mental health.

In conversation you're really genial and upbeat, but then you put on the new record and hear these brutal, desperate songs like "I Wait in Hell" and "The Lepers of Destitution."

Right, well those two songs...are very reflective of my struggles with substance abuse. I feel like the whole drug thing has been publicized, but we did do an album called

"Addicts" so it's not like I wasn't asking for that attention. For a couple years there I was really, really, really [bleeped] up. It sucked the soul out of me. I didn't know who I was. My friends would look at me and say, "Your eyes are full of emptiness. You're not there anymore." There were times I was so down and out I was like, "Had I known this was where I was going to be back when I was 20, I might have made that decision to get that job or to finish college and do [music] more as a hobby." That's a lonely place, man. I sought therapy and treatment on my own, and I've

Nachtmystium 9 p.m. Nov. 21 at Ultra Lounge, \$15

very much turned my life around since then.

Disappears worked with Steve Shelley and you guys pulled in Thurston Moore for Twilight (a black metal supergroup whose third album is expected out early 2013). What local band is Kim Gordon going to join?

[Laughs.] I have no idea. It'd be funny if she got involved with somebody though. The whole Sonic Youth thing is crazy.

Have you been in the studio with Thurston? Yeah, we recorded the album in August. Iron-

ically my wife chose to walk out on me three days before I started that session. That's the last time I had a slip, so to speak. I completely lost my mind there for about a week ... and fell back into a lot of things I shouldn't have fallen back into. I pulled myself out of it quickly and got my head out of my [bleep] within a couple days. Thurston's contribution is neat because he didn't change anything about how he plays. He didn't try to become a black metal musician for this record. What I can say about it is there's nothing in the world that sounds like it.





A handful of metal blogs posted a screen grab of what looked like an animated version of you doing coke on an episode of "Family Guy." Is this something you were aware of?

I know about the "Family Guy" thing. I don't know if that's actually supposed to be me or not, but it is a pretty striking resemblance. I've been surprised before by the people that like or are aware of this band. Guns N' Roses management contacted us saying Axl Rose wanted Nachtmystium T-shirts to wear in press photos and it was like, "What?" We've

never actually contacted the "Family Guy" office and asked, "Is that Blake Judd from Nachtmystium?" But it sure looks an awful lot like me ... and I certainly spent plenty of time in Los Angeles snorting cocaine when I was younger. Again, I've got a ways to go until I can shake that [addict] stigma, and I know it. It's a struggle everyday. But what am I going to do? Give in and be defeated by it and let it ruin my life more than it already has? Absolutely not.

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By Matt Pais

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What, exactly, is the appropriate response to Nicole Westbrook's "It's Thanksgiving," the latest example of writer-producer Patrice Wilson's (Rebecca Black's "Friday") writea-song-in-five-minutes-and-wait-for-it-tobecome-a-viral-hit strategy?

Perhaps "It's Thanksgiving" should just be ignored as goofy kids' stuff. Westbrook appears to be somewhere in the vicinity of 13 (just guessing) and the video features her singing into a turkey leg, something actual artists like Fiona Apple and Frank Ocean probably don't do very often. At least not on camera.

Then again, I'd be lying if I said watching the video once didn't put Westbrook's voice in the back of my head, still singing about turkey and mashed potatoes as I write about the ridiculousness of a pop song about turkey and mashed potatoes. Much as the family films "The Polar Express" and "Hop" suggest Christmas and Easter exist primarily for the purpose of gifts and chocolate, respectively, "It's Thanksgiving" boils Thanksgiving down to an opportunity to miss school and eat. "Gotta be grateful, can't be hateful," Westbrook sings, which is good advice she hopefully means in terms of how people should act toward family, friends and everyone, not just in terms of the importance of not hogging the gravy and passing the cornbread when you're asked.

Like "Friday," "It's Thanksgiving" almost seems deliberately engineered to be as bad as possible (again, note the turkey leg microphone), as if that will result in the greatest exposure. It's not like you're going to share a video with all your friends that you think is just OK. A terrible one, though? Comedy gold, especially when Westbrook opens the song with some uncomfortable moans of "Oh yeah, ohh yeah," and performs wearing a shirt reading "Dance until dawn" that I assume means "Let's keep dancing until my friend Dawn comes over because she's like totally the best dancer I know™

It's not as if the majority of pop songs cover hefty topics. From the majority of late-period Black Eyed Peas songs to LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem," the biggest hits often come from the smallest amount of subject matter. Let's party. Let's dance. It's Friday. And so on.

So it's both impossible to take "It's Thanksgiving* seriously and necessary to recognize that, rather than standing alone on an island of superficial, pandering crap (Everyone in America celebrates Thanksgiving, so everyone will love this!), it's merely part of a slippery slope of music for the masses. If you think Wilson hasn't already tinkered with beats and lyrics for songs about Valentine's Day (imagined lyric: "Love is What I Love"), Morning ("Every Day Is a New Day") and Air ("Oxygen is My Favorite Thing to Breathe"), you should really take a minute and write one yourself. It's pretty fun. @MATTPAS | MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM



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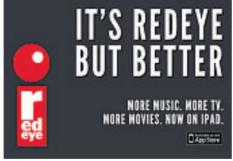


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Pass the cheese, please

By Dana Kavan

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I have a rule when I dine out to not order items I could easily make at home. With this mantra in mind, I was skeptical that a grilled cheese spot could offer enough variety to keep me coming back. But when The Big Cheese opened just down the street from where I live in a storefront I'd watched turn over time and time again, I had to give it a shot to support the neighborhood.

The scene: In the middle of family-friendly North Center, I wasn't shocked to find a bunch of kiddos noshing on sandwiches on a Saturday around lunchtime. While the decor leans kid-friendly with walls the color of Kraft Singles, muscle-car posters and retrolooking superhero art, it's not like dining in a day care. Couples and groups of 20-somethings will fit in just fine, and two TVs will appease sports fans looking to get a quick bite mid-game.

The food: I'm a purist when it comes to grilled cheese, so I took advantage of the combo written on a chalkboard hanging from the wall: a \$6.95 classic grilled cheese and a cup of tomato soup billed as being "for the 99 percenters." Buttery, thick-cut Texas toast comes stuffed with gooey cheddar and American cheeses, crispy bacon and a thin slice of tomato. It's basic but entirely satisfying. The creamy tomato soup was a tad bland and somewhat forgettable, making the heaping portion of fries dusted with parmesan the better side choice. Beyond the classic, there are a half dozen other options, all of which (of course) include melted cheese, but also ingre-

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dients such as grilled chicken, Polish sausage and shiitake mushrooms with truffle oil. My spicy-food-loving companion opted for The Red Devil with roasted jalapenos, chihuahua cheese, cilantro and chorizo. Roasting the jalapenos takes out much of the bite but leaves a nice flavor, and the bread soaks up all the greasy goodness of the sausage. I kept reaching across the table to steal another bite, so maybe I'm not such a purist after all?

The drinks: Julius Meinl coffee will pair perfectly with the breakfast sandwiches coming soon, but for now, a soda is the way to go.

The service: On several occasions, the friendly but frenzied staff apologized unnecessarily. While dropping off our food, a server said, "Sorry and thanks for your patience," when it had taken less than 10 minutes to arrive. Chalk it up to new-restaurant nerves.

Bottom line: With its location down the block from Half Acre's hopping new bring-your-own-food taproom, I suspect The Big Cheese will see a boom in carryout business. It's the perfect food for soaking up suds and the price point (sandwiches start at \$5) will make locals and beer-loving outsiders happy.

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THREE TO PLAY

BY RYAN SMITH | FOR REDEYE



F1 Race Stars

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3



Formula One racing isn't exactly an ob-

vious pick to get a "Mario Kart"-style makeover. It's one thing to scoot

around cartoonish tracks with Princess Peach or Sonic the Hedgehog, but quite another to ask gamers to play as a big-headed version of, say, Spanish driver Fernando Alonso. Despite the oddness of the pairing, "F1 Race Stars" does a respectable job of delivering kart racing thrills, including some dizzying 360 loops and crazy jumps on tracks loosely based on real-life locations. The only fresh twist on the genre is the addition of pit lanes that let you repair busted-up vehicles and a "KERS" speed boost. "F1 Race Stars" doesn't quite grab the checkered flag of kart games, but finishes at least in the upper half of the pack.



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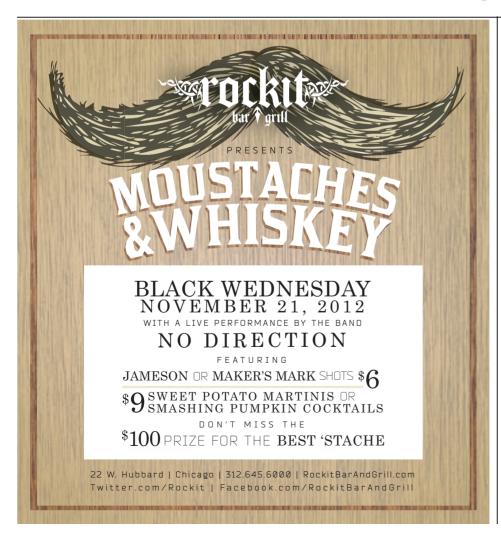


So there's this wolf sun

goddess named Amaterasu who cuts enemies in half with a magic paint brush

and ... never mind. The mythology behind this unique action-adventure hasn't gotten any easier to understand in the years since "Okami" was first released in 2008 for the Nintendo Wii. Nonetheless, "Okami HD" is an easy game to recommend to fans and newcomers alike because it plays like a distant relative to "Zelda" coupled with a beautiful Japanese watercolor-style art that looks even more spectacular with a much-deserved highdefinition makeover.

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Now it's 'Call of Duty' vs. 'Halo 4'

Los Angeles Times

The video game industry got a much needed bonus Nov. 6 as "Halo 4" players around the world spent more than \$220 million on the heavily marketed sequel.

That's the highest first-day gross for Microsoft's blockbuster science-fiction/action franchise. 2010's "Halo Reach," the previous record holder, enjoyed a \$200-million "opening day."

Microsoft did not report how many "Halo 4" units it sold on launch day, but based on the game's U.S. retail price of between \$60 and \$100, the total is more than 2.2 million.

The overall record for the most sales revenue by a video game on its opening day is held by "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3," which debuted to \$400 million last year. The newest "Call of Duty" sequel, "Black Ops 2," hits stores Tuesday and could smash that record.

"Halo 4" is playable only on Microsoft's Xbox 360 console, however, while "Call of Duty" games are also available for Sony's Playstation 3, making comparisons difficult.

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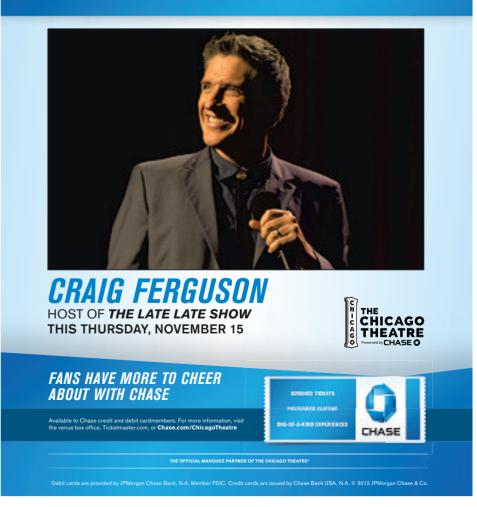
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The good: This camera became indispensable on trips to Israel, Mexico and around the U.S. In Israel, the camera was great on a camel. It was tricky to turn and shoot behind us, so we put the camera in Intelligent Auto mode, held it overhead and shot blindly behind us. Some shots were better than others, but they were all in focus. The camera also worked well on the ski slopes and dog-sledding in Colorado.

On shallow scuba dives (30 feet or less), we primarily shot HD video, which has spectacular color. When we tried stand-up paddle boarding in Alaska, our teacher had the same camera. One of the camel guides in Israel also

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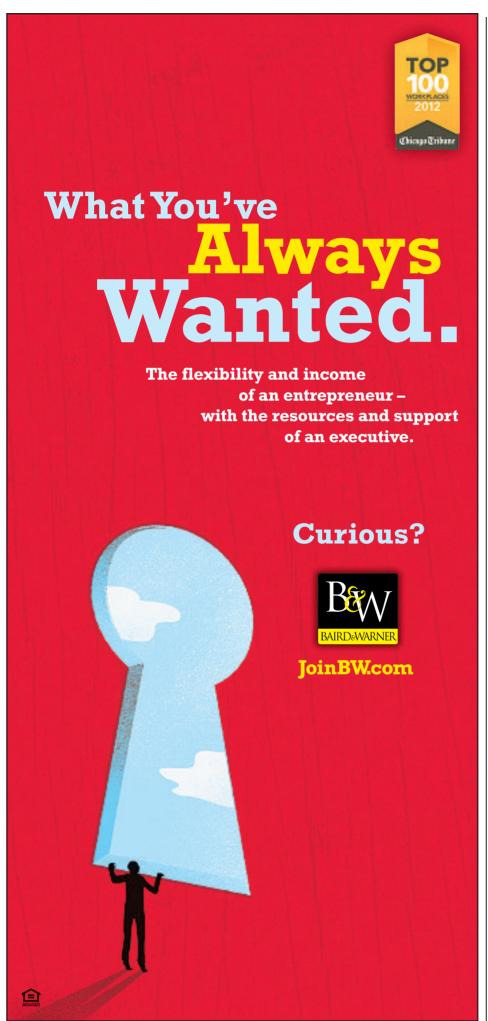
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K-Stew shows some skin

Los Angeles Times

Kristen Stewart has perfected the look of ripped jeans and a white T-shirt as well as the I-just-rolled-out-of-bed hairstyle, so when she's all dolled up on the red carpet, people take notice.

She's busy promoting two new films, "On the Road," which is being released later this year, and "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2," which opens this week, giving Twihards a welcome look at a more refined Stewart.

For a recent appearance at a screening for "On the Road" at the AFI Fest, Stewart wore Balenciaga. It was refreshing to see her in menswear-reminiscent attire. The jumpsuit was sort of a sexy cut-out tuxedo, and she chose Christian Louboutin "Decollete" pumps to complete her look. Here are some other ways to get Stewart's menswear, jumpsuit look.

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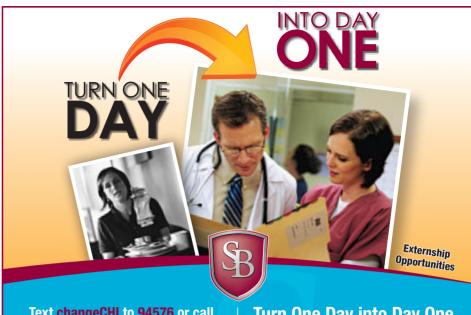
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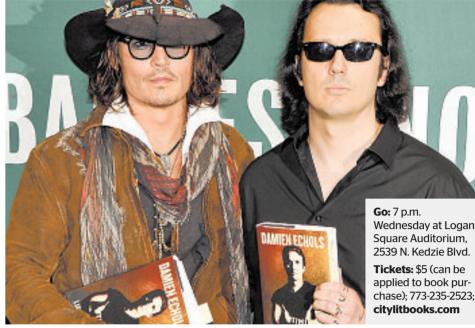
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Former inmate Damien Echols surprises critics with well-written memoir

By Julia Borcherts I FOR REDEYE

When former death row inmate Damien Echols' memoir, "Life After Death," hit bookstores in September, many critics were so impressed by the quality of writing that they double-checked to make sure Echols had written the book himself.

"Whenever I read that—people saying at first they thought I must have had a ghost writer-I'm never sure if I should take it as a compliment or an insult," Echols said, laughing, when RedEye called him at his new home in Salem, Mass. "You know, it could go either way."

In 1993, a teen Echols and two others were wrongfuly convicted of the murder of three boys in West Memphis, Ark. They were released from prison in 2011 after a plea deal and their story has been the subject of the "Paradise Lost" documentary series and Peter Jackson's new "West of Memphis" documentary. On Wednesday, Echols discusses his experiences with local journalist Selena Fragassi at the Logan Square Auditorium, where he will sign copies of his book. We talked about his writing, his plans, his sunglasses and the book his wife, Lorri Davis, wishes he'd quit reading in public.

Which authors most influenced your writing

Nobody else even comes close to the impact on my writing style that Stephen King had.

Basically, I learned how to write from reading Stephen King novels. When I was in prison, I would read them over and over because the characters start to seem so familiar to you, like old friends.

What are you reading right now?

Oh God, you don't even want to know that! [Laughs.] Lorri was horrendously embarrassed because I was in the airport the other day reading this book called "Modern Sex Magick." [Laughs.] It's basically on tantra in the Buddhist tradition, only it's done using Western terminology and written from a Western perspective trying to help Westerners understand the experience more.

You're always rocking great sunglasses these days. What brands do you recom-

Actually, every time you see me it's the exact same ones. And the reason that I wear those is because [laughs] I can't see two inches without them. They're prescription glasses. I didn't see sunlight for 10 years. Not only that, but I was in this tiny little space. Your eyes never get to really change focus so you gradually lose that ability over the years, which is what happened to me.

If you were on the other side of the microphone, who would you like to interview?

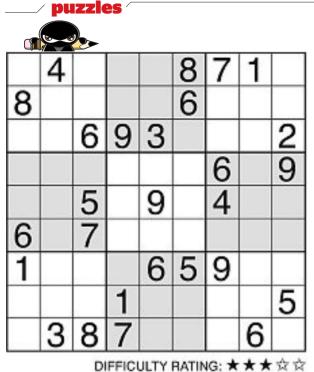
I'm a really, really big fan of Nick Cave so I would like to do an interview with him; that would be nice. Marilyn Manson is a good friend of mine and he's always got really interesting things to say ... Stephen King probably also would be a really good one.

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TODAY IN THE YEAR...

1889: Inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

1968: Yale University announced it was going co-educational.

1991: U.S. and British authorities announced indictments against two Libyan intelligence officials in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

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- Frog's cousin 15 High-powered beam 16 Actor Richard 17 Mix with
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- 22 Preserve
- 23 Gently curled, as hair 24 Bread for a Reuben
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- 34 Strong string 35 Reads quickly
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- Sounded a bell Informal street talk
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- 42 Keep a cooking turkey moist
- 43 Street vendors 45 India's dollars
- 46 Needle hole
- 48 Long tale
- Golfer's top 56 Was in debt
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- 62 Create
- 63 Country singer Campbell
- 64 Base stealer's move
- 65 Fellows

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By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Hey, big spender! Stephen Colbert, who recently did not run for president of the United States, raised \$1.4 million through his Super PAC, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, of which he has \$800,000 left, **thr.com** reports. How's he going to use it? Well, as he recently told Playboy: "I can spend it on anything I want. I could use my Super PAC money to buy a private jet, and I have to justify it to no one." And yes, that might actually happen. But here's a very American pie chart of how we think Colbert should spend his pennies. Damoran@tribune.com | @redeyedana



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Magic millionaire?

Scott Green, better known as The Great Scott to the Chicago magician's fans, this week will try to conjure millions of dollars on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." The 29-year-old missed his first audition for the game show, but after dropping \$200 at a blackjack table at Rivers Casino he decided to wait around for the second wave of auditions. His episodes will air at 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday on WGN.

Vinny's gotta eat

Not to be shown up by castmates Snooki, JWoww, and Pauly D, Vinny

Guadagnino from "Jersey Shore" also now has his own spin-off on MTV, the network announced. "The Show With Vinny" will feature Guadagnino chatting up celebrities as they sit down to dinner in his Staten Island home. Let's hope watching the show is more exciting than the name.

Bve-bve. Bella

The trailer for "Twilight" author Stephenie Meyer's new movie, "The Host," just premiered, and we're glad to report that her pattern of interspecies dating still is going strong. The movie, starring Saoirse Ronan, keeps Meyer's love triangle formula but ditches the werewolves and vampires for aliens-which naturally have overrun Earth and take over human bodies (a la "Invasion of the Body Snatchers").

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